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SUBJECT: GOA UNWILLING TO ACCEPT PALESTINIAN GUANTANAMO  
DETAINEE

REF: A. VIENNA 1545  
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Classified by: Economic-Political Counselor J. Dean Yap for  
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Isabel Rauscher, MFA Department Head for the Americas,  
told Polchief October 30 that Austria could not accept the  
Palestinian Guantanamo detainee mentioned in reftels.  
Rauscher said the GOA would like to assist the USG in closing  
the Guantanamo detention facility, but is unable to accept  
inmates whose legal status is "unclear." If a detainee were  
tried and either found guilty or acquitted, then the GOA  
might be able to assist. But a detainee released without  
trial would present legal problems for Austria, she said.  
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